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NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PANCHAYAT RAJ

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

DISQUALIFICATION ORDER FOR FAILURE TO LODGE FINAL ACCOUNTS OF ELECTION EXPENSES IN RESPECT OF SRI MADDELA VENKATESWARLU, CONTESTED AND DEFEATED CANDIDATE, WARD NO. 26, CHIRALA MUNICIPALITY, PRAKASAM DISTRICT DURING THE 3rd ORDINARY ELECTIONS HELD IN 2005.

No.707/SEC-F2/2007-1 !-

WHEREAS, the third ordinary elections to Municipalities were conducted in the month of September, 2005 and the results were declared on 26-09-2005;

AND WHEREAS, under section 343-ZC of APM Act, 1965 every candidate at any election held under this Act shall, either by himself, or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure incurred in connection with the election, between the date of which the candidate concerned has been nominated and the date of declaration of the result of the election, both dates inclusive and the account of election expenses shall contain such particulars, as may by order, specified by the State Election Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission in its order No.633/SEC-F1/2005, dt:03-08-2005 prescribed the procedure and formats in which the accounts of election expenditure shall be maintained by the candidates.

AND WHEREAS, under section 343-ZD of APM Act, 1965 every contesting candidate at an election shall, within forty five days from the date of declaration of results of the election, lodge with the District Election Authority, an account of his election expenses, which shall be a true copy of the account kept by him, or by his election agent, under Section 343-ZC.

AND WHEREAS, the period of 45 days from the date of declaration of results of ordinary elections to Municipalities expired on 09-11-2005;

AND WHEREAS, as per the SECs order No.633/SEC-F1/2005, dt.03-08-2005, the Collector and District Election Authority, Prakasam District has sent a report to the State Election Commission Sri Maddela Venkateswarlu had contested as ward member for ward No. 26, Chirala municipality had failed to lodge final accounts of election expenses within the stipulated time of 45 days and to take necessary penal action as per the provisions of APM Act, 1965 and Rules issued there under;

AND WHEREAS, under section 15 B of APM Act, 1965 read with the Commission Order No.633/SEC-F1/2005, dt.03-08-2005 the State Election Commission issued show cause notice vide No.607/SEC-F2/2007 (6), dt.4-07-2007 to Sri Maddela Venkateswarlu, ward member for ward No. 26, Chirala municipality the contested candidate in Chirala Municipality who failed to lodge final accounts of election expenses within the stipulated time and in the manner required under the Act and the rules calling upon him to show cause within 20 days from the date of receipt of the notices as to why he should not be disqualified under the provisions of section 15-B of APM Act, 1965 for his failure;

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission requested the Collector to report whether he has any material evidence or credible material justifying his delay in submission of election expenditure account.

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission received a report from the Collector and District Election Authority, Prakasam District vide his letter No. E4/2526/2005, dt. 4.8.2009 informing that Sri Maddela Venkateswarlu had contested as ward member for ward No. 26, Chirala municipality during the year 2005 and that he had submitted his explanation directly to the District Election Authority without informing the same to Chirala municipality and that he had failed to lodge the

accounts of his election expenses without any cause and recommended that the said contested (defeated) candidate may be disqualified for contesting in future elections as per elections laws.

AND WHEREAS, the said candidate has thus not furnished any reason or satisfactory explanation for their failure even after due notice to him and the Commission is satisfied that he has no good reason or justification for the said failure;

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission is satisfied that Sri Maddela Venkateswarlu contested the third ordinary elections held in 2005 to ward No. 26, Chirala municipality and failed to lodge the account of his expenses as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of section 15-B of APM Act, 1965, the Election Commission hereby. declares Sri Maddela Venkateswarlu,contested and defeated candidate,ward No. 26 of Chirala Municipality, to be ineligible for a period of 3 years from the date of this order to contest any election to be held for any office under the provisions of APM Act, 1965.

Secunderabad, 18-09-2009.

B. VENKATESHWARA RAO, Secretary.